828. The integration of States has increased the area under the State Forests to three times its area in Old Mysore State. Some of the most valuable teak forests of Deccan and the rich, often untapped evergreen zone of the Western Ghats have now come together. The forest wealth of the New State of Mysore is among the best in any State of South India.

829. In ex-Mysore State and Coorg, sandalwood is the monopoly of the State and accounted for nearly 40 per cent of the net revenue of the Department.

830. One of the notable events of the year was the transfer of the Forest Research Laboratory, Bangalore, to the Centre for developing it as a Regional Forest Research Centre for South India. The Old Mysore State was the first in India and perhaps the only State which organised a Research Laboratory for solving its local problems.

(iv) Co-operation.

(1st July 1956 to 30th June 1957.)

831. The number of co-operative societies, their membership, share capital, reserve and other funds and the total working capital recorded an appreciable increase during the year as follows :—

Sl. No.	.....	30—6—56	30—6—57
1	Number of societies	6,008	12,513
2	Number of members	7,84,432	18,17,093
		Rs.	Rs.
3	Paid up share capital	2,78,52,6 7	6,00,48,802
4	Deposits held at the end of the year ...	4,29,67,832	14,28,48,802
5	Loans due to Government	1.07,30,070	2,11,77,049
6	Loans due to Central Institutions ...	3,24,18,444	9,94,62,719
7	Reserve fund	1,14,92 603	2,54,11,294
8	Other funds	44,69,796	...
9	Total working capital	12,99,31,633	39,42,83,127
10	Loans issued during the year ...	5,53,58,329	28,52,07,783
11	Loans recovered during the year ...	4,78,59,612	25,25,29,855
12	Loans outstanding	6,74,24,650	16,43,80,241
13	Loans overdue	50,86,636	2,81,98,798
14	Net profits	16,93,906	76,34,256

Co-operative Credit.

832. Subsequent to Re-organisation of States, the societies situated in the merged areas were also being provided with financial accommodation by the Mysore State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bangalore.

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833. The financial position of the Mysore State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., continued to be satisfactory.

834. The Mysore State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bangalore, had 234 members. Its paid up share capital inclusive of Government share contribution of Rs. 5,00,000 was Rs. 13,90,822. It had a total working capital of Rs. 1,87,28,851 at the end of the year. The loans issued during the year were Rs. 2,02,68,379 and Rs. 1,14,59,461 was recovered. The net profit was Rs. 1,05,783.

The Central Rural Industrialisation Bank Ltd., Bangalore.

835. The Central Rural Industrialisation Bank was working as an adjunct to the Rural Industrialisation Scheme. The Rural Industrialisation Scheme extends over the old Mysore area. The Rural Industrialisation Bank continued to issue short and medium term loans for the benefit of small scale industries through the Primary Rural Industrialisation Co-operative Societies. The Bank had 405 members with a share capital of Rs. 44,04,450 and total working capital of Rs. 68,38,591. The loans issued were Rs. 28,13,480 and Rs. 6,30,090 was recovered. The net profit was Rs. 55,135.

The Mysore State Cotton Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore.

836. To help the poor handloom weavers to pursue their profession and to develop the weaving industry by providing credit and marketing facilities, the State Cotton Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society Ltd., was started and it continued to work satisfactorily during the year. It has opened sales emporia in several important places of the State. It has further opened many production centres for the manufacturing of handloom fabrics by supplying yarn through the medium of its primaries. The society had 235 members and Rs. 3,64,791 as share capital. The purchases and sales during the year were Rs. 24,36,905 and Rs. 21,93,741 respectively and loans issued by the society were Rs. 9,22,326 of which Rs. 37,538 was recovered. The net profit was Rs. 63,611.

Mysore State Woollen Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Ltd.

837. The Mysore State Woollen Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Ltd., had a membership of 44, share capital of Rs. 61,975, and total working capital of Rs. 11,89,111. Its purchases and sales amounted to Rs. 2,40,754 and Rs. 1,15,293 respectively. A sum of Rs. 5,00,422 was granted as loans and a sum of Rs. 1,65,993 was recovered.

838. The Mysore State Silk Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Ltd., had the following statistics :—

Mysore State Silk Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Ltd.

Membership	30
	Rs.
Share Capital	45,022
Purchases	6,77,821
Sales	4,76,433
Working capital	13,69,093
Loans issued	2,82,988
Loans recovered	7,60,913
Net profit	39,432

839. The Corporation continued to function satisfactorily to solve the housing problem in the State. Its statistics is as follows :—

The Mysore State House Building Co-operative Corporation Ltd., Bangalore.

Membership	863
	Rs.
Share capital	1,83,808
Loans issued	27,73,876
Loans recovered	2,32,454
Total working capital	70,98,721
Net profits	22,056

840. A sound co-operative financing system has been built up with the primaries at the village level, District Co-operative Central Banks at the district level and the State Apex Bank at the State level. The following is the statistics :—

District Co-operative Central Banks.

Number of District Banks	19
Membership—Individuals	17,912
Societies	7,498
	Rs.
Share capital	95,22,181
Total working capital	9,80,42,756
Loans issued	8,69,89,713 / 10,64,19,443
Loans recovered	8,49,41,674 / 8,38,61,071
Net profits	6,40,161

841. The work of the Mysore State Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank Ltd., during the year was progressive and satisfactory. During the year, the Bank obtained a loan of Rs. 25 lakhs from the Government. It had a membership of 379 with a share capital of Rs. 9,88,450 at the end of the year. The total working capital stood at Rs. 1,83,19,627 and net profits amounted to Rs. 1,36,140. The loans issued were Rs. 27,00,909, loans recovered were Rs. 11,33,148.

The Mysore State Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank Ltd.

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Primary Land Mortgage Co-operative Societies.

842. There were, during the year, 98 primary land mortgage co-operative societies in the State and these societies act as agents of the Mysore State Central Land Mortgage Bank Ltd., for dispensation of long term credit to the agriculturists. The long term loans were being issued not only for the discharge of prior indebtedness but also for the improvement of agricultural lands. These primary land mortgage co-operative societies did work during the year to rehabilitate the agricultural class of the State.

Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies.

843. In the new set up, great emphasis is laid on the extension of co-operative credit. There were 8,524 primary agricultural co-operative societies. Share capital and working capital were Rs. 90,11,387 and Rs. 7,28,96,225 respectively. The loans issued were Rs. 5,46,43,822 and loans recovered were Rs. 3,92,28,247. The net profit was Rs. 14,54,147.

844. Some of the rural credit co-operative societies in addition to their loaning operations, which is their main object, also supplied agricultural requisites and food commodities.

The statistics is as follows:—

Agricultural-Non-credit Societies.

Number of societies	...	1,131
Membership	...	2,31,297
Share capital	...	Rs. 65,56,083
Total working capital	...	„ 2,66,72,537
Loans issued	...	„ 3,58,91,420
Loans recovered	...	„ 3,60,30,763
Net profits	...	„ 17,14,221

Non-agricultural Credit societies and Non-agricultural Non-credit Co-operative Societies.

845. There were 1,023 non-agricultural credit co-operative societies with a membership of 2,54,770 who had contributed a share capital of Rs. 1,61,36,832; 1,665 non-agricultural non-credit societies with a membership of 3,71,734 who had contributed a share capital of Rs. 64,14,820. The net profits were Rs. 17,67,468 and Rs. 10,77,542 respectively.

Marketing.

846. The Mysore State Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., continued to serve as the apex of all the primary marketing co-operative societies, primary consumers societies, primary credit stores societies, which have stores sections. The society deals in coffee seeds in bulk, textiles, soaps, pulses, paper and such other commodities of daily use.

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Co-operative Production.

847. Multipurpose co-operative societies and credit societies which have taken up multipurpose activities were assisting agricultural production by the distribution of seeds and manures as ammonium sulphate, urea and agricultural implements.

848. At the end of the year, there were in the State 21 co-operative lift irrigation societies having 1,136 members. The area under command of the schemes was 7,443 acres and the area brought under irrigation was 592 acres. There were in addition, six co-operative societies which had taken up irrigation schemes as distinct from those of purely lift irrigation type. The area brought under irrigation was 1,237 acres and 38 guntas as against the commanded area of 2,698 acres and 20 guntas. During the year from 1st November 1956 to 30th June 1957, Rs. 65,561 of loan and Rs. 31,825 of subsidy were made available to different co-operative lift irrigation societies.

Co-operative Farming.

849. Co-operative farming implies pooling of land and joint management for promoting agricultural production. It is a definite step towards eradication of waste of both agricultural resources and energy, while introducing efficient methods of agriculture, the aim of all development and reconstruction.

850. By co-operative farming method, a total area of 17,430 acres of land was brought under cultivation.

Co-operative Fisheries.

851. In the Old Mysore State, there was no scheme as such, for the development of fisheries on co-operative lines. Such a scheme, however, existed in erstwhile Madras and Bombay States. And in these parts, every attempt was made to organise fisheries on co-operative lines and for their development.

Co-operative Distribution.

852. Co-operative consumers (Stores) societies continued to play a very vital role in the distribution of consumers goods and thereby brought about a salutary effect on the prices of commodities sold. At the end of the year, there were 1,054 consumers co-operative societies (both agricultural and non-agricultural), which had a membership of 2,19,239. The total purchases and sales amounted to Rs. 2,61,39,805 and Rs. 2,82,40,455, respectively.

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Co-operative Training.

853. Six hundred and sixty-three candidates were trained during the year in the three co-operative training schools existing at Mysore, Mercara and Dharwar.

854. Besides, under a special scheme sponsored by the All India Co-operative Union, the State Co-operative Institute has taken up the training of the members and office-bearers of societies in four districts of the State. The number so far trained under the schemes was 1,661.

855. The working of the following Co-operative Societies were:—

The Mysore State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.

Members	...	...	234
			Rs.
Share capital	...	...	13,90,822
Total working capital	...	...	1,87,28,851
Loans issued	...	...	2,02,68,379
Loans Recovered	...	...	1,14,59,461
Net profit	...	...	1,05,783

Agricultural Credit Primary Societies.

Number of societies	...	...	8,524
Membership	...	...	8,46,072
			Rs.
Share capital	...	...	90,11,387
Total working capital	...	...	7,28,96,225
Purchases	...	...	87,32,239
Sales	...	...	89,13,620
Net profit	...	...	14,54,147

Non-agricultural Credit Societies.

Number of societies	...	...	1,023
Membership	...	...	2,54,770
			Rs.
Share capital	...	...	1,61,36,832
Total working capital	...	...	8,66,62,302
Loans issued	...	...	8,61,12,426
Net profit	...	...	76,10,863

Land Mortgage Co-operative Societies: Central Land Mortgage Bank.

Membership		
(*a*) Number of individuals	...	282
(*b*) Number of societies	...	97
		Rs. in lakhs
Share capital	...	9·88
Total working capital	...	183·20
Loans issued	...	27·00
Loans recovered	...	11·13
Net profit	...	1·36

856. The main operation of the Central Land Mortgage Bank was the grant of long term loans for the redemption of prior debts and for the improvement of agricultural lands. The outstandings against the members as at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 1,52,27,282.

857. Out of 2,462 loan applications for a total sum of Rs. 63,78,285, 1,662 loan applications were sanctioned for a sum of Rs. 40,16,225. At the end of the year, there were 476 loan applications for Rs. 11,93,333 pending disposal.

858. There were 98 primary land mortgage co-operative societies in the State, with 57,239 members who had paid a share capital of Rs. 15,15,891. The total working capital was Rs. 1,93,45,826 and net profit was Rs. 1,03,996. During the year, these land mortgage co-operative societies issued loans to the members to the tune of Rs. 33,62,725 and recovered a sum of Rs. 13,93,148. **Primary Land Mortgage Co-operative Societies.**

859. There were 1,206 grain banks in the State, with 77,652 members who had paid a share capital of Rs. 9,27,893. The total working capital was Rs. 32,72,869. It may be noted that these grain banks were mostly situated in the erstwhile Hyderabad State, where alone they number 1,026 out of a total of 1,206 in the entire State. **Grain Banks**

860. The supply of improved seeds, chemical manures and agricultural implements was also undertaken by the Co-operative Societies for the use of the *bona fide* agriculturists.

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The Mysore State Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.

861. The State Marketing Co-operative Society, Ltd., had a membership of 205 with a paid up share capital of Rs. 60,594. The total purchases and sales amounted to Rs. 18,49,482 and Rs. 19,05,148, respectively. The working of the Society resulted in its earning a net profit of Rs. 92,572.

862. There were at the end of the year 149 marketing co-operative societies in the State. They had a membership of 71,830 of which 2,995 were institutions. The share capital was Rs. 23,36,933 and working capital was Rs. 1,33,40,278.

863. At the end of the year, there were 727 co-operative societies under liquidation.

Liquidation

864. In respect of these societies under liquidation, the total assets amounting to Rs. 1,06,163 were realised and the liabilities amounting to Rs. 1,32,312 were discharged. The total liabilities and the assets of these societies amounted to to Rs. 45,85,647 and Rs. 23,43,916, respectively.

865. The societies under liquidation indebted to Apex Bank numbered 120 and the total amount due from them was Rs. 6,09,772 at the beginning of the year. During the year, a sum of Rs. 55,568 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 5,54,204.

House Building Co-operative Societies

866. There were 236 House Building Co-operative Societies in the State at the end of the year with a membership of 19,547 and share capital of Rs. 13,38,665. The total working capital was Rs. 1,12,00,543. The loans disbursed and recovered during the year were Rs. 25,20,966 and Rs. 1,09,19,269, respectively. The net profit was Rs. 92,043.

The Mysore Provincial Silk Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore.

867. The Society had a membership of 831 and a paid up share capital of Rs. 88,588. The working capital amounted to Rs. 2,05,719. During the year, the Society purchased silk to the extent of Rs. 1,88,665 and sold to the extent of Rs. 3,27,133. The net profit was Rs. 38,830.

Weavers' Co-operative Societies.

868. There were 322 weavers' co-operative societies with a membership of 59,343 and a share capital of Rs. 11,76,236. The total loans issued amounted to Rs. 22,80,757. The total purchases and sales amounted to Rs. 1,89,09,245 and Rs. 1,90,71,962 respectively.